

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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R 130801Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3891

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINR, CH

SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH: MESSAGE TO JAPANESE POLITICIAN

REF: PEKING 1342

1. NIHON KEIZAI CARRIED BRIEF REPORT AUGUST 13 SAYING THAT FORMER LDP DIETMAN HIDEJI KAWASAKI RECEIVED MESSAGE THROUGH PRC EMBASSY THAT CHOU EN-LAI HAD ALREADY LEFT HOSPITAL AND WAS "CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES AS IN PAST." MESSAGE WAS RESPONSE TO KAWASAKI'S JULY 20 LETTER INQUIRING ABOUT CHOU'S HEALTH. WE CHECKED WITH KAWASAKI'S OFFICE AND CONFIRMED THAT MESSAGE WAS TELEPHONED TO KAWASAKI AUGUST 12 FROM PRC TOKYO EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: IF MESSAGE IS ACCURATE THIS WOULD BE FURTHER INDICATION THAT CHOU HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL (FOR OTHER THAN PUBLIC APPEARANCES). MESSAGE IS ALSO OF INTEREST AS INDICATION OF STEPS THAT PEKING WILL TAKE ABROAD TO REAFFIRM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHOU'S ROLE AND IMPROVED STATE OF HEALTH.

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## Message Attributes

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